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To Uintah Basin Standard:

In the Standard Sept. 4, 1961, I had stated I would make further report, the reason for confusion status of the Fullbloods, upon learning that Secretary Udall had signed the proclamation Public Law, 67.

First, I want to report on the Public Law, 671 — The 83 Congress was approved August 27, 1954, this law is outgrowth of a resolution passed by the Indians of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in a general council meeting which was held March 13, 1954 — The resolution was passed by vote of 152 for and 8 against. There were very few mixed bloods in attendance at this meeting and they took no part in the discussion.

The basic reason for such an act is stated: I therefore will quote an excerpt from the Ute Bulletin published by the tribe under date, December 17, 1960, which reads as follows:

While agreeing to withdraw the suit which might hold the United States responsible and guaranteeing not to make further claims of this nature, the Tribal Business Committee reserved the right to press other claims filed for other causes. It also expressly reserved the right to determine who shall participate in future claim awards. The reason for this last reservation is that there is no question that the full blood members have contributed toward the common assets and properties of the Ute Tribe. They have contributed money, land, and brought along with them certain rights and privileges guaranteed under treaties and agreements, but there exist members of one group who were adopted and who have had their descendants placed on tribal membership rolls, who have never contributed anything in the future. It is this group that the majority of the Ute Tribe wants excluded from participating in future claims awards for the reason that they cannot prove from whom they are descended and would have no identity except their affiliation with the Ute bands, and serve no purpose except to share in the heritage won at such a great price and sacrifice by the Ute Indians.

Next week I will report further on this same subject, the termination act, Public Law, 671, also other tribal matter.

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